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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

REF: LAGOS 4799

1. POST PLEASED REPORT THAT CHIEF JUSTICE, IN RECENT LETTER TO PAO FROM GENEVA, HAS INDICATED UNLAG (FACULTY OF LAW) AGREED COSPONSOR SUBJECT PROJECT FIRST 2 YEARS. AS RESULT, WE NOW ABLE PROVIDE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

A. NAME OF FELLOWSHIP: ELIAS-WARREN FELLOWSHIP, IN HONOUR CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA (THE HONOURABLE) DR. T.O. ELIAS) AND FORMER CHEIF JUSTICE OF U.S. SUPREME COURT (THE HONOURABLE EARL WARREN).

B. PURPOSE: FELLOWSHIP DESIGNED ENABLE OUTSTANDING NIGERIAN AND AMERICAN LEGAL SCHOLARS TO TEACH, LECTURE AND RESEARCH IN NIGERIAN AND AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS.

C. PARTICIPANTS: OUTSTANDING LEGAL PERSONALITIES/SCHOLARS FROM NIGERIA AND U.S.

D. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS: TO BE DETERMINED.

E. DURATION OF FELLOWSHIP: DURING FIRST TWO YEARS (ACADEMIC YEARS 75-76, 76-77) FELLOWSHIPS (1 NIGERIAN, 1 AMERICAN) WILL BE FOR PERIODS OF 3 MONTHS EACH.

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F. BENEFITS

STIPEND: EACH GRANT (DURING FIRST TWO YEARS) WILL BE FOR
DOLLS.5,000.

G. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: UNILAG HAS AGREED PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL FOR AMERICAN GRANTEE.

H. HOUSING: UNILAG HAS AGREED PROVIDE FURNISHED HOUSING WITH
UTILITIES FOR AMERICAN GRANTEE. IT IS HOPED THAT AMERICAN
HOST INSTITUTION WILL PROVIDE TRAVEL /HOUSING FOR NIGERIAN
GRANTEE.

I. FUNDING: GRANTS (STIPENDS OF DOLLS.5,000.00 EACH) FOR FIRST TWO
YEARS WILL BE FUNDED FROM AGENCY GRANT OF DOLLS.10,000.
IN SUCCESSION YEARS,
FUNDS ARE TO COME FROM OTHER NIGERIAN/AMERICAN SOURCES.

FYI: DR. ELIAS FEELS NIGERIANS WOULD BE RELUCTANT COMMIT FUNDS
AT PRESENT: BUT BELIEVES IF PROJECT SUCCESSFUL, THERE WOULD
BE NO PROBLEM ACQUIRING FUTURE FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

2. IN VIEW JUNE 1 DEADLINE, POST HOPES THIS INFO SUFFICIENT SECURE
FUNDS AND TRUSTS AGENCY WILL SUCCEED IN LOCATING SUITABLE
AMERICAN CO-SPONSOR.

3. WILL FORWARD AGREEMENT SOONEST.

4. REQUEST ADVISE RE PARA 2 ABOVE.

5. MEA HAS REQUESTED DESCRIPTION THIS PROJECT BE SUBMITTED FOR ITS
APPROVAL BUT, ON BASIS CONVERSATION TODAY OF DCM AND PAO WITH CHIEF OF

MEA AMERICAN DIVISION, NO PROBLEM FORESEEN THEREIN.
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